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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PLANS FOR VISIT TO AFRICA

REFERENCE: 22547; LIBREVILLE 345; ACCRA 1147; YAOUNDE 732

1. IF QUERIED BY HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING SECRETARY'S PLAN TO VISIT AFRICA, POSTS SHOULD AVOID ENCOURAGING SPECULATION THAT COUNTRY WILL BE INCLUDED ON VISIT. IF ASKED, THEY SHOULD BE TOLD THAT ITINERARY AND TIMING OF PROJECTED TRIP ARE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, THAT SECRETARY WILL BE SEEKING TO GET FAIRLY BALANCED PICTURE OF AFRICA AND THAT NECESSARY EXCLUSION OF SOME COUNTRIES FROM FINAL ITINERARY WILL NOT BE A REFLECTION ON VALUE ATTACHED BY USG TO BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THOSE GOVERNMENTS.

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2. FOR YAOUNDE: IN FEBRUARY 23 MEETING WITH ASSISTANT

SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE CAMEROONIAN CHARGE ERIC QUAN EXTENDED
ORAL INVITATION TO SECRETARY TO VISIT CAMEROON. QUAN SAID
THAT WHILE ACTING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS HE CONFIDENT HIS
GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED HIS ACTION.

3. FOR OUAGADOUGOU: IN JANUARY 16 COURTESY CALL ON
ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEELE AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU
EXTENDED INFORMAL ORAL INVITATION TO SECRETARY TO VISIT
UPPER VOLTA. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT SAY HE WAS ACTING ON

INSTRUCTIONS AND WE ARE REASONABLY SURE HE WAS NOT. INGERSOLL

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